

health services, manpower, and facilities which meet identified needs, reduce documented inefficiencies, and implement the health plans of the agency.

The conditionally designated HSA which previously served the health service area was not performing its functions in a manner satisfactory to the Secretary. Consequently, the Secretary decided not to renew the agency's designation agreement. Therefore, we are seeking applications for a new agency.

Entities interested in applying for designation must file a letter of intent to apply for such designation with DHEW Regional Office IX by July 23, 1979, and an application by October 22, 1979.

Application materials and further information may be obtained from the Regional Health Administrator, DHEW Regional Office IX, 50 United Nations Plaza, San Francisco, California, 94102, (415) 556-8709.

Once the health systems agency is designated it will be entitled to receive a planning grant under section 1516 of the Act. The amount of the planning grant will be determined in accordance with a formula set forth in the regulations governing this program (42 CFR Part 122, Subpart, C), and will be based, in part, upon a determination by the Secretary of the population of the health service area. Section 122.204 of the governing regulations provides that the Secretary will determine the populations of such areas based upon the latest available estimate from the Department of Commerce and will publish annually in the Federal Register a list of all health service areas and their populations.

Dated: June 14, 1979.

Henry A. Foley, Ph.D.

Administrator, Health Resources Administration.

[FR Doc. 79-19294 Filed 6-20-79; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4110-83-M

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

National Toxicology Program Board of Scientific Counselors; Establishment

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770-776), the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health announces the establishment, June 4, 1979, of the following committee by the Secretary, HEW.

National Toxicology Program Board of Scientific Counselors. This Board shall advise the National Toxicology Program Executive Committee and the

Program Director on matters of scientific program content and policy, both present and future, as they relate to the National Toxicology Program. This Program coordinates the scientific efforts of several Departmental agencies with interest in and responsibility for testing chemicals of public health concern; developing new or improved tests and test systems; validating existing test systems; and advising regulatory agencies regarding the health effects of chemicals used commercially or otherwise found in the environment.

Authority for the National Toxicology Program Board of Scientific Counselors will expire on November 14, 1980, unless the Secretary, HEW, formally determines that continuance is in the public interest.

Dated: June 12, 1979.

David P. Rall,

Director, National Toxicology Program.

[FR Doc. 79-19235 Filed 6-20-79; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4110-08-M

Public Health Service

Health Maintenance Organizations

AGENCY: Public Health Service, HEW.

ACTION: Notice, Continued Regulation of Health Maintenance Organizations; Revocation of Federal Qualification.

SUMMARY: On May 21, 1979, the Director of the Office of Health Maintenance Organizations revoked Federal qualification of Central Essex Health Plan, Inc. (CEHP), 280 Henry Street, Orange, New Jersey 07051. Accordingly, CEHP is no longer a qualified health maintenance organization (HMO).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Howard R. Veit, Director, Office of Health Maintenance Organizations, Park Building, 3rd Floor, 12420 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20857, 301/443-4106.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 9, 1979, pursuant to Section 1312(b)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300e-11(b)(1)) (the Act), the Secretary notified CEHP, at that time a federally qualified HMO, that it was not in compliance with the assurance it had given to the Secretary under section 1310(d)(1) of the Act that it would have a fiscally sound operation, as required by section 1301(c)(1) of the Act. The notice directed CEHP to initiate corrective action to bring it into compliance with this assurance. The basis for the revocation of Federal qualification for purposes of section 1310 of the Act is that CEHP failed to

carry out the corrective action required by the Secretary.

The effect of the revocation is as follows: (1) CEHP may not seek inclusion in employees' health benefit plans under section 1310 of the Act; (2) with respect to employers including CEHP in the health benefits plan offered their employees, CEHP is not a qualified HMO for purposes of section 1310 of the Act; and (3) CEHP is not a qualified HMO for purposes of the financial assistance programs under 42 CFR Part 110, Subparts C, D, and E. The inclusion of CEHP in an employee's health benefits plan will be disregarded for purposes of determining whether, and to what extent, the employer is subject to section 1310 of the Act, and will not constitute compliance with the requirements of that section.

Section 1312(b)(1) of the Act requires that each determination concerning revocation of Federal qualification of an HMO be published in the Federal Register.

Dated: June 12, 1979.

Howard R. Veit,

Director, Office of Health Maintenance Organizations.

[FR Doc. 79-19237 Filed 6-20-79; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4110-85-M

Health Maintenance Organizations

AGENCY: Public Health Service, HEW.

ACTION: Notice, Continued Regulation of Health Maintenance Organizations; Determination of Noncompliance; Revocation of Federal Qualification.

SUMMARY: On August 11, 1978, the Assistant Secretary for Health determined that Health Alliance of Northern California, Inc. (HANC), subsequently doing business as Community Care, 340 Dardanelli Lane, Suite 26A, Los Gatos, California 95030, a federally qualified health maintenance organization (HMO), was not in compliance with the assurance it had provided to the Secretary that it would maintain a fiscally sound operation. On May 31, 1979, the Director of the Office of Health Maintenance Organizations revoked Federal qualification of HANC. Accordingly, HANC is no longer a qualified HMO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Howard R. Veit, Director, Office of Health Maintenance Organizations, Park Building, 3rd Floor, 12420 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20857, 301/443-4106.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 1312(b)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300e-11(b)(1)) (the